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SUBJECT: INFO ON MLADIC'S PAST WHEREABOUTS PUBLICLY
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¶1. SUMMARY: Influential, pro-government Belgrade daily Politika has for the past two days published front-page articles related to the locations where Ratko Mladic was hiding from June 2002 until January 2006. These articles are basically extracts from the indictment brought against ten individuals formally accused for aiding and abetting Mladic in that period. The articles explain in detail the role of Mladic's associates, and provides addresses of many of the apartments where he was hiding. END SUMMARY.

¶2. Pro-government daily Politika on July 19 and 20, published a series of extensive cover page articles about the protection network of war crime indictee General Ratko Mladic. The articles reveal detailed information about Mladic's whereabouts from June, 2002 through January 25, ¶2006. The information appears to have been extracted from the indictment brought by the prosecutor of the Second Belgrade Court against ten individuals accused of aiding and abetting Mladic. According to the indictment, the key figure in the network is retired Republika Srpska military officer Jovan "Jovo" Djogo. Other members of the protection network include Stanko Ristic; Sasa Badnjari; Ratko Vucetic; Liljana, Tatjana and Bojan Vaskovic; Marko Lugonja; Borislav Ivanovic and Predrag Ristic. Tatjana and Bojan Vaskovic and Marko Lugonja are released from custody on July 17, while the rest of the group await trial from prison. The judge in the case is Dejan Dobrosavljevic. The indictment and entire proceedings were classified as a state secret and are supposed to be closed to the public.

¶3. Politika disclosed locations and addresses of Mladic's safe houses where he was hiding from June 2002 to January 2006 - mostly apartments in New Belgrade. Addresses include: 24 Pedje Milosavljevic, the apartment of Vucetic where Mladic spent 30 days; 183 Jurijska Gagarina, where Mladic stayed until October 2002; 48 Treći bulevar, where he stayed 45 days. In addition, according to the indictment, Mladic spent a few days in the following apartments: 1 Crnotravska, 134 Jurijska Gagarina, 118 Jurijska Gagarina (where he stayed until end of 2005). All the apartments were modest, located in mid-class calm neighborhoods. Mladic's protectors were paying monthly rent from 250 to 400 Euro. The prosecutor claims that Mladic's associates were also supplying him with food, other necessary goods and with cell phones. Lawyers of the defendants denied these claims to Politika and complained that any information at all had been released, arguing that the trial has been designated as closed to the public.

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